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# Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

# Boy Robbing Bird's Nest Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



Of particular interest are certain of the mechanical banks that have as their theme various forms of object lessons, These object lessons vary, some are instructive in teaching a child what to do and others are constructive in showing or demonstrating what not to do. The Boy Robbing Bird's Nest is an excellent choice as No. 110 in the numerical classification. All the mechanical classification. All the mechanical classification all the mechanical classification and the macro of course, in most cases a toy as well as a savings device. Those such as the Boy Robbing Bird's Nest with the additional instructive feature are of the instructive element are the Picture Gallery, Bank of Education and Economy, Boys Stealing Watermelons, and Uncle Remus.

The Boy Robbing Bird's Nest is a very attractive, well made mechanical

The Boy Robbing Bird's Nest is a very attractive, well made mechanical bank and is an original creation of the outstanding designer, Charles A. Bailey. It was produced and marketed by the leading manufacturer of mechanical banks, the J. & E. Stevens when sold by them it work to the work of the bank by them it work of the bank by them it was now, for collecting purposes, it has been known as the Boy Robbing Bird's Nest. This is more definitive of the bank itself and for some years now, for collecting purposes, it has been known as the Boy Robbing Bird's Nest. This is more definitive of the bank itself and actually closer to the name originally planned for the bank by Bailey. The writer, as mentioned in the Hen And Chick Bank article (June, 1962), has Bailey's original sketch of the Boy Robbing Bird's Nest and the name "Robber Bank" appears on the base of the bank in this drawing. Obv.

ously this was not a particularly appealing name and was subsequently discarded in favor of the more attractive, simple name, "Tree Bank." This did not, of course, detract from the obvious object lesson of what could happen to boys who would could happen to boys who would produced commercially the bank is practically identical in appearance to Bailey's original sketch, with one exception. There is a large stick leaning against the tree in the drawing. This was probably intended to indicate that the boy on the limb had unsuch that the boy on the limb had unsuch that the boy on the limb had unsuch that the boy on the limb that the boy had been considered that the boy on the limb core climbing the tree.

Leon Pereiman is the owner of the fine specimen pictured and, as can be judged from the photograph, the bank is in excellent original condition. Mr. Pereiman obtained the bank from an Eastern antique dealer a few years ago. The paint is in mint condition with colors as follows: The base is an overall green highlighted with gold. Pink flowers appear on the base, along with the boy's grey hat. The tree is brown with greenish-silver vines climbing up the trunk, red berries appear on these vines. The two birds are yellow. The boy has an orange shirt, blue trousers, and brown shoes and hair. Three small white eggs are in the nest.

small white eggs are in the nest. To operate the bank a coin is first placed in the provided slot. This slot runs vertically in the trunk and is located just under the branch which the boy is climbing. The coin when placed in the slot stays in place protuding somewhat from the truth. The lever to operate the bank is located just below the bird on the left. When this lever is pressed down the entire branch of the tree, including the boy and bird's nest, falls and hits against the trunk, striking the coin

and knocking it into the bank. The action is good and very effective. To reset the bank for operation the branch is manually raised to the position as shown in the picture. The branch locks in place and stays there until the lever is again pressed.

There are no markings, dates or anything else on the bank However, the bank speaks for itself as it is so obviously Bailey's work. This is substantiated, of course, by the original Bailey's sketch in the writer's possession. As to the date or period in which it was manufactured, this is established by a dated 1906 catalog of the J. & E. Stevens Company which pictures the bank. The Shoot The Chute Bank, another Bailey design, also appears in this catalog. Thus apparently both banks were put on the market about the same time.

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Johanna was Ferdinand's daughter, and became queen. As she was mentally incompetent, Charles, his eldest son, became co-ruler. An able statesman and military leader,

Charles was the one who first started coinage in the New World.

Until Philip V became King of Spain, in the early part of the 18th century, the coins struck in Mexico, and Cortuin and Spain, struck in Mexico, and Cortuin and Spain, American and Central and South America were degraded to the crude cob type, both

in gold and silver.

If you have seen any of these you will agree to their ugliness. They were poorly struck, often on lumpy planchets upon which designs rarely filled the entire space, and they were uneven in shape. They nevertheless, were of good metallic content and were much used.

Philip V was the first of the Span-ish-Bourbon Dynasty. His reign was disturbed by the 12 year War of Spanish Succession. Under his reign

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escudo, all of gold. The silver pieces were the 8 reales (Pieces of Eight, 4 reales, 2 reales (of quarter dollar size and called "two bits"), 1 reale, one-half reale, and in some series one-quarter reale.
Ferdinand VI succeeded Philip and devoted much of his time to internal reforms in his Kingdom. When his

wife died, his delicate health broke and he lost his reason. He died at the Monastery of Villa Viciosa in 1759. There was little or no change

in his coinage designs.

Charles III, second son of Philip V, was a man of ability and liberal ideas. He allied Spain with France in the Seven Years War. He discontinued the Pillar type coins and re-placed them with the Bust type

Charles IV was the son of Charles III. For two years his Colonial coinage bore the portrait of his prede cessor. This was authorized by royal order as new dies could not be pre-pared in time, for news and articles took considerable time to travel from

Spain to her Colonies.

Charles IV, under political duress, renounced the throne in favor of his son, Ferdinand VII. Probably the most ineffectual ruler Spain had up

to that time. Ferdinand intrigued with Napoleon, and ultimately was compelled to give up the throne to Joseph Napoleon. Ferdinand's loss of Spain's Colonies ends the series of Spain's American coins.

Numismatics in Mexico, today, are Numination in alexico, today, are not nearly so advanced as they are in the United States. There are no "coin stores" although coins can be found in odd places such as the "thieves market," a Sunday public pedding place where most anything unusual can be found.

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Soon after this, and while producing some banks on his own, Bailey started some design and pattern work for the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn. This had to do with mechanical banks, of course, but he also worked with toys, and among these he was responsible for some fine bell ringing toys such as The Landing of Columbus, Drummer Be. Tattern past. News Baby Quiet Western Company some years ago for a Christmas Morn bell ringer, but this was apparently never put to the production.

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After a few years of doing fine ingenious designing and pattern work for Stevens, Bailey moved to Middletown, Conn., and opened a pattern shop there. This was in the period of 1885 to 1890. He then went to work for Stevens as their exclusive pattern maker and bank designer and continued with them until around 1915, at which time he again opened a shop of his own in Cromwell, Conn.

a shop of his own in Cromwell, Conn. Mechanical banks were apparently his first love, but he did make some other out-of-the-ordinary things. For example, the writer has an unusual with a hingle shape of a large pipe that the series of the large shape of the hingle shape of the hingle shape of the hingle shape of the large hingle shapes of the large hingle shape hingl

Our concern and interest, of course, has to do with the mechanical banks that he was directly responsible for. Please keep in mind that he had a hand in a number of banks which we are not sure of and possibly never will be. As a designer and pattern maker at Stevens he conceived and made many banks and bank parts, as well as toys and toy parts, and most likely toy pistols as well. We do have an accurate setup on what banks and bank patterns we know he made, plus those identifiable as such by his distinctive type work. Following is a list of these banks:

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Dealers used to list in their buying catalogues, certain items they would not buy under any condition. These were 1883 Liberty Head nickels with-out the word cents, 1909 VDB cents,

and Spanish silver coins.

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Collectors' pieces have been distrib uted into the hands of many. So well distributed, in fact, it becomes in-creasingly difficult for dealers to se-cure, and have available, desirable

There was a time when it would not be difficult to find coin collections that were very complete. Now, with the wide distribution of scarce items, complete collections are scarcer and scarcer.

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ity of cases. In the past, it was easy to keep track of where celebrated rare coins were, or who owned them. Today, the vast horde of collectors is constantly absorbing these pieces and distribut-ing them to many. They are becoming

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-R. D. S., North Carolina Answer:

There were no patterns that are genuine as per your illustration. Originally it was thought a copper 1843 \$2.50 was in existence but it has been proved to have been a fake Yours undoubtedly is a counterfeit The Feuchtwanger cent (trial pieces) is quite common but the three cent piece very rare. The cent should be worth around \$1.50 today. These were struck as samples to endeavor to influence the country to use freuchtwanger (German silver) alloy for coinages. His designs were quite frequently used on Merchants and Civil War tokens.

-C. F., New York

### Question: I am taking advantage of Coin

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-E. B., Washington

The first coin is a 2 Kroner coin of Denmark, value 50c. The second is a 10 Pfennig coin of Germany, value 5c. The third is a 5 centime piece of Italy, value 5c.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

My grandson is collecting coins and he would like to know if there is any value to this franc piece 1833, The pencil rubbing is not too good of the face since someone had this made for a pin I believe. Thank you.
—Mrs. C. A. S., California

### Answer:

The one franc coin currently retails for 25c but insofar as your son's is mutilated its value would only be about 5c.

-C. F., New York (Continued on page 105)

### Question:

Will you please tell me if this coin has any value? It is a 1910 Lincoln cent, in good shape. Where it says In God We Trust, it's T—st, the RU is missing. Thank you.

—Mrs. J. R., New York

The 1910 cent you have would not demand any additional premium due to the minor defect in striking.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I would like to know the value of a silver coin the size of a penny marked "Confederate States of America 1861," with the figure head of a woman, and the back marked, probably to indicate the value as a dime.

-J. A., New Hampshire

Answer:

What you have most likely is a copy of a supposed Confederate 10 cent piece. There are a great many of these around and I sincerely doubt if it is genuine. The only genuine Confederate coins that were struck were half dollars and cents and in both cases there are restrikes of these made at a later date. Even so, they are (the restrikes) rare and valuable. The 10 cent piece however, is a fantasy.

-C. F., New York

Question: I have been given an 1863 Indian Head penny that on the back of it says not one penny instead of one

cent. In the second line it should say not one cent. I was wondering if you could tell me if such a penny was made on purpose or if it was a mistake. If it was made on purpose could you tell me how much it is worth?

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Answer:

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Question:

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Answer:

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-C. F., New York

Question:

Some time ago I came across a very unusual coin. There is no date on the coin, in fact I believe it to be a medal rather than a coin. The be a medal rather than a coin. The coin came from Germany and has German writing on the back and front. Inclosed is a rubbing of the coin. Also, here is the wording on the coin. Front: Wilhelm D. K. Konig V. Preussen-Auguste Victoria D. K. K. V. PR.; back: Zum Ehejubiläum K. V.PR.; back: Zum Ehejubiläum Seid Frohlich in hoffung geduldig in trübsal haltet an am gebet. Romer C. 12 V. 12. With my knowledge of German I translate it as follows: Front: William the Kaiser King of Prussia—Augusta Victoria the Kaiserin Quena officerary be happy and hopeful, faithful and forgiving— ston, take time to pray, Romans C. stop, take time to pray. Romans C. 12 V. 12. I want to know the history and what it was cast for. -O. G. F. G., Oklahoma

Answer:

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On numerous occasions individuals have approached the writer as to when he was going to do a complete book on mechanical banks, as to when he was going to write a book or more articles on cast iron toys, and when he would write about some of his more personal experiences in collecting banks and toys over the years,

Well right now the writer is bedded down with a bad case of flu, and this month's article is overdue. So this will be an opportune time for a discussion about the writer's experiences at the J. & E. Stevens Company. This is well in keeping and follows through with last month's writeup on Bailey's

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is going to turn up.
The writer over a period of years spent considerable time at the Stevens Company and fortunately most of this time was in the 1980's and up until about 1940. He would drive down to Cromwell, Conn., on occasional weekends and stay in the area. One of the most convenient times to look around the place in those days was on Saturday afternoons. The writer, in time, became very friendly with the Superintendent, Mr. Russell Frisble, who was most kind in eventually permitting him to just about have the run of the place. Mr. Frisble had his own set of keys for all the buildings set of keys for all the buildings

and rooms for the entire Stevens setup and he would give these to the writer and tell him to go ahead and enjoy himself.

The Stevens layout was located in most attractive surroundings just on the outskirts of Cromwell. A pond was beside several of the buildings and, as we understood it, was loaded with fish. Never got to try the fishing, however, as always too be learned about banks and toya. There were several particularly interesting rooms in the buildings and one of considerable interest that was always kept locked was called the pattern maker's room. In this room undermeath a large work counter and toy pistol parts, albank pin awood. The workmanship on these wood pattern parts was extremely well done and the writer spent considerable time going over all the different parts and studying them, and in some cases complete banks as different parts and studying them, and in some cases complete banks as different parts and studying them, and in some cases complete banks as the studying them, and in some cases complete banks as the studying them. The studying them have been considerable time going over all the different parts and studying them, and in some cases complete banks as the studying them. The studying them were found. In other cases were found. The other cases were found that the studying them were parts for the Jolly Nigger, 'Spise A Mule, Artillery Bank, and numbers of others.

The foundry was a separate brick building in itself and the writer was fortunate in being able to talk to some of the old timers there who had worked on banks such as the Girl Skipping Rope. This, according to one old foundryman in particular, was the most difficult time they ever was the most difficult time they ever the control of t

Another building, adjacent to the foundry, was used for painting the banks, and this was all handwork. During the time they were actively manufacturing mechanical banks women were generally employed for the purpose of painting the banks. One would specialize in eyes and eye-brows, for example, another in clothing, and so on, and it was more or less done on an assembly line basis, each bank going down the line and paint applied to certain parts by each individual. The fact that women did most of the painting is one reason that the Stevens

banks have such a nice appearance about them, good facial definition, and, generally speaking, a better type of paint job.

Another one of the old buildings contained stacks and stacks of original bronze and brass patterns of many mechanical banks, and the writer spent endless hours studying.

these. Another building adjacent to this had a number of samples of different toy pistols and other things they had made, as well as some experimental parts and pieces of various banks, including some which were probably never produced. In the main office building there

tunate he was able to spend time at the Stevens Company prior to 1940. In the first place not too many people had been through the place to any great extent previous to the state of the place to any great extent previous to the state of the state of the place to any great extent previous to the state of the place to the place th

The writer mentioned it was for-

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One speaks of writing a book on mechanical banks and it's a little difficult to know where to begin when, as a matter of fact, there is when, as a matter of fact, there is when, as a matter of fact, there is mation on the Stevens Company and their activities to almost fill a book. There did not seem to be too much material available prior to 1890 but some did turn up and the writer has slowly but surely gotten together begin to the standard of 1859 to the carliest known catalogs of 1859 to

In any event, the place had changed considerably from the period of the writer's activity prior to 1940 and it is of great benefit to have this early actual background experience with the company when it was more or

less the same as in their active days

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Some time ago, the first authentic reported sale of the much talked about 1943 copper cent, took place at a sale in Fexas. A reputedly ally sald for \$700. Quited and actually sald for \$700. Quited and \$85,000 in the \$10,000, \$15,000, and \$800. \$35,000 prices quoted for one some time ago.

Speaking of mint errors, a collector recently found two 1960 D cents struck on the silver planets of a dime. Another party also found one of these in a roll of cents.

Such mint errors would be very rare but-after the announcement of the finds-the three coins were seized by the Secret Service for the Treas-ury Department. They were reluct-antly exchanged for three regular one cent pieces.

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There apparently is a statutory prohibition against the issuance of coins by the mint other than those

coins by the mint, other than those specifically authorized. It is therespecifically authorized. It is there-fore claimed that these off-metal coins are illegally in the hands of their owners and must be returned to the mint.

The case has not been brought to trial, however. It will be interesting to see what the ultimate outcome will be. If Mr. Howard is correct, it could affect a great many of the well-known and celebrated mint er-rors now in the hands of collectors. This is particularly so where they were struck on the wrong metal planchets.

planeness.

I have always found that speculative issues of coins have followed the stock market. I believe this is occurring again. The market's decline has had a great softening effect on the rapid rise of roll prices, and many instances show sharp declines from the highs.

This is hard on the speculators that bought at the top, but if they are patient they should come out OK, even though it may take several years. I guess proof sets and commemoratives are no longer in the speculative field for these are holding firm and for the most part showing indications that they would like

to rise in price. Dealers and collectors should take double care of their valuable coins. There are more and more large rob-beries all over the country. Safes are being broken into, hotel rooms rifled, collections in homes stolen, and in some instances there have been hold ups.

The coins have not turned up, and recovery has been practically nil. This indicates the possibility of a large ring operating with outlets not as yet found.

The robbers seem to know coins, too, in many instances taking what is good, and leaving the junk. Bet-Is good, and leaving the Junk. Better insure or protect your collections. We note too that these robberies come in flurries. In the time of 10 days, the Capital District here had a flurry of coin robberies that affected half a dozen collectors, one after the other.

The robbers are very clever too. One dealer at a convention left his stock of coins, worth around \$30,000, in his hotel room, went down to the desk to pay his bill, then went to desk to pay his bill, then went to the restaurant to have breakfast. While he was there a stranger went to the head porter, said he had just checked out and asked for a bell boy to get his bags out of his room. The bags, to solve and all, were brought down and delivered to the stranger who promptly got in a taxi and left.

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I warn! You should be doubly careful. Carry adequate insurance. And don't let your coins out of your sight.

Beware of phony rarities, There are plenty going around. If those that are doing it are caught they are subject to the counterfeit ws. I hope they realize it. Last week I saw offered, as genu-

ine, a 1916 D uncirculated dime. Close examination indicated it to have had the letter "D" sweated on. A beau-tiful job. But, under a ten power glass, one could see how the letter was put on the planchet. It also was discolored from the heat used

to sweat it on. There are similarly plenty of 1914D cents, 1909S VDB cents, Grant commemoratives with stars, 1856 Eagle cents, and 1913 Liberty head nickels.

The 1914 D cents can be detected by the fact that there is no VDB below the bust (it having been made from a 1944D) on the genuine.

One must study the letter S on the 1909S VDB phonies have the letter frequently crooked, too low, too high, etc.

On the Grant with star, the fakes usually have a flattened spot on the reverse, directly opposite the star. But the better test is to examine the obverse for die uneveness. This appears at neck and nose of genuine Grant with star as an unevenness in the field. When the star was removed for the coinage of the regular Grants, these defects also were removed.

1856 Eagle cents can be detected by studying the number "6". On the by studying the number "6". On the original the top of the 6 is narrower than the bottom. On the altered date from an "8" the top is too wide.

1913 Liberty Head nickels are usually altered from 1903's, and are

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# Bucking Mule (Miniature)

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A concern that manufactured a rather extensive line of mechanical banks has not received much recognition to date in the monthly series articles. This manufacturer is the H. L. Judd Company a very definite reason which there is a very definite reason which were made many mechanical manufacturers and consisted for the most part of see which were rather small, simple in action and movement, and were generally not of the type that would enter the picture in the classification articles until this time.

Above and beyond this, there is another factor that has to do with some of the Judd banks. Due to the fact that for the most part they were simple in their make-up, they lent themselves to being a somewhat easy target for being recast. This was done some 20 to 25 years ago by an individual in New Jersey. This person saw fit to recast a number of the Judd banks, such as the Gem, Boy And Bull Dog, and the Bucking Mule.

among others. This is one of those unfortunate circumstances. However, the banks he reproduced are still recognized as such today by their pebbly surface, inferior castings and finish. The fact that these recasts were sold in some quantities years ago left the impression at the time that original Judd banks were not particularly rare, and as a matter of fact rather common. This impression, in some cases, has continued on until the present time. Actually most of the Judd banks are rather The most popular of their banks were the Gem and Dog On Turn-table, and these two banks were made over a period of years and widely sold. Thus today either one of these is not too difficult to find in an original specimen. This is not the case, however, with some of the other Judd banks, and in particular the Bucking Mule, one of their best little mechanicals. It is a small, very attractive bank with simple but clever in the numerical classification.

The bank shown is a fine original in excellent condition and was obtained by the writer a few years ago when the collection of the late Dr. Arthur E. Corby was sold. Just where Dr. Corby obtained the bank is unknown to the writer, but like a number of the banks that were in

his collection, it is in an unusually good state of preservation with some paint wear and chipping on the figure of the colored boy astride the mule.

Another feature of Judd banks generally is the fine detailed casting and ornate design work that went into their make-up. This is well borne out the fine of the fine of the fine of the fine of the base detail can be seen in the pictured specimen. A handsome spiral column is at each of the four corners and a four-leaf clover type design is neach end plate of the base. The two side plates are made with symmetrically designed open work. The top of the rectangular base has attractive lined detail and ornamentation inscribed thereon.

As previously mentioned, most of the Judd banks were quite small and the Bucking Mule is typical of this fact since it is only somewhat over 4 inches long. Also it is well to point out that in keeping with their small size most of the Judd banks were made to employ use of pennies, nickels and dimes. No larger coins can be used in the Bucking Mule, as is the case with most of their other mechanicals. Judd did make at least one large size mechanical bank, and this is known as the Mosque Bank, It is a rather sizeable ornate building, and again in keeping with this size, the larger type coins can be used in its operation.

The Bucking Mule is painted rather simply as are all the banks made by Judd. The entire base and mule are done in a Japanned type finish in black. The Negro astride the mule has red trousers and a yellow shirt, and that's it.

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The Bucking Mule has no dates or patent information on it whatsoever and apparently the Judd Company did not patent their banks, with possibly an exception or two. One is the Gem, which merely has the inscription 'Patd.' on one side of the top roof decoration. So it is rather difficult to place any one of their banks in a more or less exact period. An old Judd catalog is helpful, however, in placing the Bucking Mule.

along with a number of their other along with a number of their other mechanicals, in the period of the 1880's. Most likely, to pin it down a little closer, the Bucking Mule was first made in the 1884 to 1888 period. In closing it is well to stress that the Judd line of mechanical banks

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### Old Mechanical Banks

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# Monkey and Cocoanut Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A very attractive, rather realistic representation of a monkey is our choice as No. 112 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. This bank, the Monkey & Coccanut, is an outstanding example of good designing and is exceptionally well made. It is one of the writer's favorites and, in addition to the factors mentioned of the consequence of the consequence of the factors mention of completely appropriate to the figure involved. Apparatly James H. Bowen, the designer and patentee of the bank, had a real knack for clever mechanism with split second timing. Several of his banks bear this out, in particular the patents of the back of the patents of the p

In addition to the banks mentioned, Bowen held patents on the Creed-more, Cat & Mouse, Frog Bank, I Always Did 'Spise A Mule, Owl, and Calamity Bank (HOBBLES, November, 1958). He also patented a Bird Bank in 1881, but apparently the state of production. Bowen's first mechanical bank would seem to be in 1877, the Creedmore, and his last, judging from patent papers, was in 1906, the Calamity. A situation, somewhat unusual, existed where Bowen was one efficiency banks but it would seem that he had nothing to do with actually making any of the master patterns or pattern parts for any of his banks. He let this

work out to a specialist pattern maker by the name of John Page. (Please see HOBBLES, December, 1953, The Toy Bank Maker, for details on Page. It is interesting to the pattern of the Monkey & Co-coanut.) Since full details are covered in this 1953 article, it is not necessary to go over all the information again at this point. Pertination again at this point.

The Monkey & Cocoanut was patented March 2, 1886 and the bank as actually produced closely follows the three diagrams contained in the patent papers. The bank was manufactured by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn., as



The Monkey and Cocoanut Bank

were all of Bowen's known mechanical banks. He must have had a working arrangement with Stevens whereby he sent his patterns and so on to them. He was not apparently ever actually employed by Stevens.

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It was found while digging a "fox-hole" in the second battle of the Marne about 20 kilometers north of Chateau Thierry, which was at that time termed "Death Valley."

—Mrs. L. R., Kentucky

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coin.

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notion means more But does it have a premium? (Super fine) no wear. While not legal tender. (3. How much face value in gold can a collector have?

-D. O'C., Missouri

The reason it has not tarnished is that it is made of gold and gold does not tarnish. Yes, it does have a premium and could be worth anywhere between \$75 and \$150, depending upon its exact condition graded by an expert.

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With respect to the pencil rubbings

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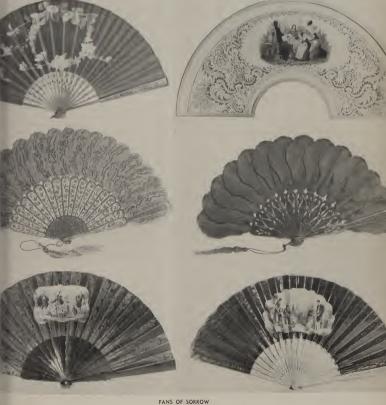
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# Old Mechanical Banks

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# Mechanical Bank Ramblings

By F. H. GRIFFITH

The writer, on various occasions, has pointed out that misinformation has pointed out that misinformation on mechanical banks is considerably more misleading than no information at all. Specifically, at this time, there appeared in a publication an article on a particular pattern bank. The article started out, in so many words, with the broad, completely erroneous statement that only a few of the mechanical banks could be as the certain bank. This that has the certain bank. This that the statement of fact as actually the majority of the known different mechanical banks can be completely documented and thoroughly authenticated. There was other misinformation in this article but there is no need to go into all points at this time. Sufficient to point out that the bank covered in the article under discussion is not an authentic factory discussion is not an authentic factory discussion is not an authentic factory amechanical bank it is a pattern of a mechanical bank it is a pattern of a mechanical bank in this pattern form it qualifies as such, along with some other existing patterns of mechanical banks that never reached any actual production stage.

If one wonders why the writer makes a point of a circumstance of this nature, the reason is simple and important. The line must be drawn somewhere. Certainly it cannot be condoned that a person would take a pattern of a bank, cast specimens from this, and then pass them off as collector's items. This has occurred in the past and can happen again, but it doesn't change anything insofar as the fact that the banks so produced are not authentic mechanical banks.

Original patterns of mechanical banks that exist today have a value and interest, and certainly it is anyone's privilege to respect them for what they are. But to pass them off as commercially produced items or anything else other than what the facts. Any mechanical bank cast from a pattern bank that is positively known to have never been used for commercial production is simply a spurious item.

Now to patent papers for a moment. There are individuals who think that patents are the positive

end proof of a given or certain me-chanical bank. This is not so, Patent papers are very important, informapapers are very important, informa-tive, and substantiate many of the banks. They are most helpful in establishing definite dates, patentees, designers, and so on. But they do not establish the fact that any certain bank was manufactured or ever reached any stage of production. Numbers of patents were taken out on mechanical banks that never got beyond this stage. In other cases the banks as produced are totally different than the patents covering them. Usually in these cases a certain principle in the design, operation, mechanism, and so on is adhered to so that the patent applies. Now please note that the writer is in no way diminishing the importance of patent papers as is obvious to those who have read his articles. They are very helpful, but not necessarily the final word or proof on all mechanical banks. Some of the greatest, most desirable, and completely authentic mechanical banks have no patent papers at all.

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The rapidly rising prices of many coins, particularly "key" coins, and great rarities, have caused this type of collecting to become so expensive that many cannot any longer indulge. It is therefore my suggestion that

one consider collecting by major types. There are very few major types of United States coins that cannot be filled at reasonable prices, and in excellent condition.

Such a collection is also very in-teresting for there will be no two coins exactly alike. This is common in "date" or "mint mark sets." For instance, there are eight major types of silver dollars, one type of trade dollar.

There are also 12 types of halves, 10 types of quarters, one 20-cent piece, 10 types of dimes, seven types of half-dimes, two types of trimes, five types of nickels, one type of two-three-cent nickel, one type of two-cent piece, five types of small cents, eight or nine types of large cents,

eight or nine types of half-cents.

In the gold series, there are three types of dollars, five types of 2½-dollars, one type of threes, (the \$4-dollars, are considered natherns and stellas are considered patterns and not regular issue) seven types of five-dollars, five types of 10's, and five types of 20's.

These total 102 or 103 coins, of which 24 coins may be considered

of the medium value sets I have seen, I find that collectors have gotten the best conditioned coins possible for the more recent. And, due to expense, have secured coins of the rarer variety in inferior condition.

dollar-sized crowns is also a very interesting set. With all coins dif-ferent, and from all the countries of the world, these can be made up in

19th century, or coins from some specific continent may be the goal. As such a collection becomes completed, it can be expanded to include crowns of different rulers of each

is a set of gold and silver coins, one from each century, from the 5th cenabout to come in use) until now. This covered 25 centuries of gold and silver coins, 50 coins in all. Such a collection in the control of the collection is not easy to accumulate, for, while many are not particularly expensive, they are very difficult to find.

coins could also be worked on. But some centuries would be almost impossible to fill due to the difficulty of getting copper coins for them.

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will reveal a wealth of knowledge of the times when the coins were struck.

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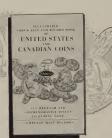
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about this "different" coin.
—Mrs. J. T. W., S. Dakota

Answer: The 1921 Morgan type silver dollar is not unusual and in circulated condition is worth face value only. If by a plain rim you mean there is no milling on the edges, this could either be a mint error or the milling might have been ground off deliberately. Inspection of the coin would be the only way to determine which. If a mint error it would be worth considerable premium. If this is to be sent for inspection, please enclose ade-quate insurance and postage for its

-C. F., New York

### Question:

This is a very rough idea of the two sides of a 1765 coin. Can you tell me what it is, and if it is worth much?

-H. G. B., Iowa

#### Answer:

The coin is known as a "Pillar Dollar" or Spanish 8-Real piece of Charles III of Spain. This specimen was coined at their Mexico City mint. In fine condition (which yours is) it -C. F., New York

#### Question:

Enclosed is pencil rubbing of 1842 gold piece in perfect condition. What is this coin worth? Collectors have offered as much as \$7.50 for it, but they don't know what it is. Would appreciate any information concerning this coin.

-R. R. McC., New York Answer

The coin is an English gold sovereign, currently retailing at \$14. Dealers are now paying \$10 for these. -C. F., New York

#### Question:

Could you please inform me what the values of these two coins are? Gold penny size attached to gold watch chain. Obverse side, center lady facing left, front hair band marked Liberty. Hair with medium high bun at opposite top of ear with narrow band around it, looks like one neck curl, long earring on ear. Seven stars, left, around edge, six right, 1903 below to complete circle. Reverse, eagle with spread wings hold-ing two three-leaf branches in one

### talon, three arrows in other, narrow

lines across and down on breast, heart shape, looks like a shield. United States of America around with 2½ D below.

Tarnished silver coin, obverse side covered wagon with man near head of oxen with musket, woman and baby in wagon. Oregon Trail me-morial below and 1926 at bottom of printing. "In God We Trust" above printing. In God We Frust above covered wagon. Reverse, U.S. picture with wagons going to N. W., and Indian in center pointing east, bow and arrow in right hand. Printing United States of America on lower side with half dollar below in center.

I will appreciate any information on these coins. I wondered if this last one was coined a year before those issued in 1928 by the govern-ment to commemorate Hawan, and valued at \$20-\$30 by collectors? If so, it might have equal commemorative value of the Oregon Trail?

—F. S., Wyoming

The first coin is a gold \$2.50 piece and if it is attached to the watch chain by a ring or soldered on it is mutilated, and as such worth \$8. it is not mutilated it is worth \$15.

The second coin is an Oregon Trail memorial half dollar and is worth between \$2 and \$5, depending upon

-C, F., New York

#### Question:

I would like some information on a 1899 series Indian Head \$5 bill, S. No. D46964667. It's in good mint condition.

-Mrs. C. A. S., Mississippi Answer:

Good mint condition would mean Good mint condition would mean crisp new and absolutely unfolded just as the day it was printed. In this condition it would retail for around \$17.50. If they have the slightest amount of wear, then they would be worth about \$7.50. These are retail selling prices.

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### Question:

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Nor this last one. About the size of a nickel. Has a big 2, and around the edge Deutsches Reich 1875 Pfennig. Any help you can give would be appreciated. -Mrs. W. S. N., Maruland

### Answer:

Condition determines the value of coins so will give you values in "good" or average circulated condition: 1853 half dime, \$1; Mexican 50 centavos silver, 50c; 1875 German 2 Pfennig, 5c. These are retail selling prices.

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### Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

# Mechanical Bank Ramblings

By F. H. GRIFFITH

To continue on from last month's Ramblings, we have a couple of additional interesting factors concern-

ditional interesting factors concerning Charles A. Bailey, as well as several other points of interest.

Recently, the writer obtained an exceptionally well made toy cannon from Lloyd Ralston of Warren, Ohio. Lloyd is dealing in cast iron toys and mechanical banks, as well as retaining some of these items for his own collection. The cannon has un-usual detail on each side of the carriage. On one side is a well designed large eagle and on the other there is a pyramid of cannon balls and a powder keg. This type of ornamentation is somewhat unique on a toy cannon, and the entire cast iron carriage is quite graceful and attractive. On the trail appears the date August 28, 1894. The two cast iron wheels are well made and the cannon barrel is brass with a star on top where the barrel pivots in the frame. The barrel, from the front, can be swung on down and back between the wheels, which is also un-usual. All told the cannon intrigued the writer, and other than the feeling that it was made by J. & E Stevens he had to find out all about it. Subsequent research into the matter revealed that Charles A. Bailey designed and patented the cannon.
As a matter of fact he took out two
patents on toy cannon under the date of August 28, 1894, both of which were assigned to the J. & E. Stevens Company. So along with the many fine mechanical banks designed and patented by Bailey, we can now add toy cannon. There is considerable in-teresting detail and information in the patent papers concerning these two Bailey designed cannon, how-ever, we will not attempt to cover it here at this time.

Now please refer to the article on the Perfection Registering Bank, HOBBIES, September, 1959. At the time the writer attributed this bank to Charles A. Bailey and the J. & E. Stevens Company. The bank, as Stevens Company. The bank, as pointed out in the 1959 article, merely has the terminology "Patent Ap-plied For" thereon. This affords practically no help at all insofar as locating the patent papers as after all when a patent was applied for, it would not necessarily indicate that a patent was granted, only the pos-sibility of such would be indicated. The writer is pleased to say that he

has found the patent papers covering the Perfection Registering Bank. It was designed and patented by Charles A. Bailey, January 10, 1893, and assigned by Bailey to the J. & E. Stevens Company. There are four full sheets to this patent, two of the sheets consist of eight drawings of the bank and various parts; the other two sheets are filled with complete details as to all parts and their operation. As pointed out in the papers, one main feature was to provide a bank with mechanism that vide a bank with mechanism that would not easily get out of order. Of interest is the fact that in the patent diagrams of the bank the wording "but in The Dimes" appears in place of the name Perfection Registers of the Name Perfection Registers of the Name of the Perfect of t be well to point out the trouble free mechanism by using the chosen name. Other than this wording angle the bank as produced by Stevens is practically identical to the patent diagrams and descriptions.

Another point of detail is brought out by a recent letter and quoted from in part:

"Enclosed please find \$2 for one of your mechanical bank booklets. "Mr Griffith I hope you can give me a little information on a mechanical bank

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"I would appreciate hearing from you."

Well, our friend is correct, and the spelling should be "Creedmoor," with the double "o" just as it ap-pears on the bank. Along with everyone else apparently, the writer has somewhat carelessly misspelled the name in general usage and the lady whose letter we have quoted is in for a mild surprise as the writer has also misspelled the name in his book-

Last but not least, at this time we would like to clarify the facts as to the earliest known dated mechanical bank. The Hall's Excelsior of 1869 has, for some time, been accepted as the bank to occupy this position. This is true up to a point but being very technical if we use just the terminology "mechanical bank" in the broad coverage, then it is not

correct. Please refer to the March, 1963, article on the J. & E. Stevens Company where the writer refers to the first known dated cast iron me-chanical bank as being the Hall's Excelsior. This is true when refer-Excelsior. This is true when refer-ring to a cast iron bank and the date of the patent is December 21, 1869. However, on February 16 of the same year, 1869, James Serrill of Philadelphia, Pa, was issued a patent on what he termed "The Magic Savings Bank." This consist-ed of a wooden bureau having a movable drawer with a false bottom. Coins put into the drawer disappeared when the drawer was closed. This bank was produced commercially and the date and Serrill's name were stencilled on the inside bottom of the drawer. Actually then, this bank is the earliest known dated mechanical bank. While in the same year as Hall's Excelsior, it precedes the as fail's precessor, it precess the Excelsior by some ten months. As to the actual time or date that the first mechanical bank was made may never the could be seen that the second because the could be seen that the second because the could be seen that the second because the sec er be known. Hall's bank could have been produced before Serrill's, but this would have nothing to do with changing the factors surrounding the dates on the banks themselves.

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on the island.

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The growth of commercialism has the growth of commercialism has been a less direct, but equally certain, cause of the decline of the arts as practiced by Sinhalese craftsmen on the island of Ceylon.

Panel illustration of arecanut slicers and line-boxes, from the Colombo Museum and the A. K. Coomaras-wamy Collection; Mediaveval Sinhalese Art by A. K. Coomaras-wamy; Pantheon Books, New York.

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Gold dust was popular, a pinch being equivalent to a dollar. Men with large fingers were in demand! Soon, however, small change was coined out of gold, and we come to the California small gold 25c, 50c, and \$1.

The first of these were coined around 1852, three years after the 1849 discovery of gold. And they were continually coined in varying amounts, on up until the 1880s.

The three denominations, quarters, halves, and dollars, were coined in octagonal and round forms. They are found with two obverse designs, primarily, Indian Heads and Liberty Heads

All genuine pieces have their denomination upon them, either ½, or quarter dollar, or dollar; ½ or half dol, or dollar. The dollars always have 1 dollar upon them. There are hundreds of minor varieties of these, such as position of wreath, date, numbers of stars, etc., etc.

There are lots of counterfeits, and what are known as "Charms." Jewelers' pieces are not as desirable as the genuine California coins. But Jewelers' tokens are collectable.

Jewelers' tokens have such designs as a bear, the legend Eureka, and some may have a fraction denoting a denomination, such as a "½." But there are never any words such as "dollar" or "dol."

The rarest of these gold pieces are

the round Liberty Head gold dollars of which very few were made. I had occasion several years ago to secure one of these for a customer and it took me about a year to find it.

The territory of Alaska, also issued quite a number of gold tokens, the first series being ½, ½, and one pennyweight pieces of gold. Coined in 1909, in conjunction with the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition, they have on their obverse a tall miner with pickax, the letters AYPE and denomination on reverse. The letters Exposition. Alaska Yukon Facilic Exposition.

Another series was issued in 1911 with Eskimo in Parka commemorating the 50th anniversary of the finding of gold there in 1861. These are denomination of '4, 'y<sub>a</sub> and I pennyweight. Another, one of the commoner of the group, has the denomination "2 WAH" on the reverse.

The earlier and perhaps most interesting are the "One Pinch" series of 1897, through 1902. These were in denominations of ¼ pinch, ½pinch, and one pinch, and like their California predecessors, were both round and octagonal.

Many states have issued gold coins. Idaho issued a gold dollar, '4, '2, in 1914; as did Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Utah. All were similar to the early California pieces. Louisiana issued gold quarters, halves, and dollars in 1994, during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

None of these state issues can be considered authentic coins, and I doubt if any really circulated. They should be considered tokens and collectors' pieces.

Other "so-called" coins which were struck in silver, and in some instances copper, are the 1909 Henry Hudson Daalder, the 1909 Robert Fulton dollar, the 1920 Wilson dollar (both silver and bronze), and the series of 1939 and 1940 Golden Gate Exposition so-called dollars.

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# Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

# Weeden's Plantation Saving Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A tin mechanical bank with a windup mechanism that furnishes sustained action to the figures involved is our choice as No. 113 in the numerical classification of me-chanical banks. This bank has been called the Weeden's Plantation Darky Savings Bank, but is more commonly known as Weeden's Plantation and occasionally is referred to as the Plantation Bank. It has a rather interesting background since it is one of the few mechanical esting background since it is one of the rew mechanical banks known to have been given as a premium item. The bank was sold commercially through regular chan-nels, however, in addition to this the Youth's Companion offered the Weeden's Plantation as a free premium item to those who sold subscriptions to their magazine. Of further interest is the fact that when originally put on further interest is the fact that when originally put on the market it was produced for a period of years and then discontinued for a number of years, only to be revived again and manufactured once more for a period of time.

The Weeden Manufacturing Company of New Bedford,

Mass., manufactured the Plantation Bank as well as several very interesting and similar companion banks. Their banks have in common the rectangular box shape in tin with a windup mechanism that provided a certain timed action for each coin inserted. The Weeden's Plantation has a somewhat different appearance than the others since the roof slants to the rear and it is in-

tended to look like an old shed or shack.

One of Weeden's banks is very rare, and this is the Ding Dong Bell (HOBBIES, October, 1954). Of possible greater rarity and desirability is the Japanese Ball Tosser (HOBBIES, July, 1961). This bank under existing circumstances cannot be classed in any area since, to the best of the writer's knowledge, no specimen has ever been found to date. In addition to the information on this bank in the July, 1961, article, the writer has an original wooden box for the Ding Dong Bell Bank and the paper label on this box lists the Japanese Ball Tosser along with the Plantation and Ding Dong Bell. So it certainly must have necessarily been manufactured and it follows logically that somewhere there should be an example or two of this bank in existence today. Transversely, the bank may have been manufactured in a very limited

quantity, only a certain number sold, and, therefore, it is possible that there are no surviving specimens. The Weeden's Plantation has the following patent information printed on a paper label on the back: "Flower U.S. Patents Aug. 7, 1888." Usually it is not too difficult to locate patent papers when the month, day and year are known. When necessary one can go through all patents of the particular day involved. Now and then, however, this does not work, and in the case of the Planinvected, this does not work, and in the case of the fraction Bank the writer has had no success so far in locating any papers whatsoever, let alone five patents as stated on the original label. Further research may bring the papers to light. In any event, the bank was very definitely made in the late 1880's and through the 1890's since it was offered by the Youth's Companion in that period. As mentioned, the manufacture of the bank was discontinued for some years and then around 1918 or so it was once more put on the market. The same dies and so on were used and the banks made in this period were identical to the earlier models.

The bank shown is from the ever increasing collection The bank shown is from the ever increasing collection of Leon Pereliman of Merion, Pa. Lee, by the way, has set up a very fine addition to his home just to house his mechanical banks, toys, and other of his interests. It is a very attractive setup and the writer was pleased to have the opportunity of looking it over recently.

The paint on the bank shown is in reasonably good condition and the figure of the Jigging Negro is original.

This figure simply hangs on the operating lever and more often than not is missing. The shed is painted



white with the roof and bottom section in red. Gold outthe following wording in gold: "Jig Dancin'"; on the other side also in gold "Pete Jonson" - "Banjo Lessuns"

"One Cent." The figure of the dancer has a white hat, red shirt, blue trousers and brown shoes. The figure of reu shirt, blue rousers and prown snoes, me rigure or the banjo player is painted the same and he holds a brown and white banjo. He is sitting on a brown bale of cotton. The base, back and other parts of the inside structure of the bank are wood. A paper label covers the back section above a locking coin door. This door has the terminology "Coin Safe" thereon. Instructions to consents the lapit and how to vulock it appresses the operate the bank and how to unlock it appear on the paper label along with the name and date. The key to the coin safe is also held in place on the paper label section. The operating instructions state that a penny or nickel be used.

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Silver dollars are known as cart-wheels. The term "dime" is derived from its ancestor the disme, 10-cents is the actual denomination.

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"Stella" means star, and as there is a star on the four-dollar gold piece, it is known as a "stella." Ten-dollar gold coins are known as eagles (a real name, not nickname); twenties are double eagles; fives, half eagles; two and one halves are quarter eagles.

A Buffalo nickel is misnicknamed. In the first place it is not a buffalo In the first piace it is not a uniato but a bison. Custom usually nick-names a coin for the obverse design. It should therefore be called an Indian Head nickel!

Speaking of Indian Heads, while the cents have an Indian headdress,

the lady is definitely not an Indian. It is supposedly the profile of the daughter of Longacre, designer of the coin.

Why we call the three-cent "nickel" and other "nickels" nickels, I do not know, for they are made of an alloy of nickle, copper, and zinc. This is really a variety of German silver, as originally produced by Dr. Lewis Feuchtwanger.

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Ancient Rome originated the silver denarius. After the fall of Rome the denier became a popular coin in many parts of the Mediterranean. England had the silver "penny." Four pennies were a "groat" or "great" in today's lingo.

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There are many more but this should be enough to confuse you.

# COIN QUIZ

By CHARLES FRENCH

25c PER LETTER for answering coin questions. Send pencil rubbings. Do not send us the coins.

Question:

Attached are tracings of 2 foreign coins that have come into my possession from my family. I know one is Mexican but do not know what the other coin is. I collect only Ameri-

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-Mrs. J. D. C., Indiana Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Please identify and price the six coins by the rubbings I made. I have enclosed a stamped envelope. Thank you. 1. Very good condition. Face has "8RZs 1878 J S 10Ds 20Cs" on nas "SRZs 1516 J S 10DS 2008 on it. 2. Some wear, rim worn off as indicated. 3. Face is worn slightly, says "Province of Canada, Bank of Montreal." Reverse side says "Bank of Montreal." Reverse side says "Bank Token, 1844, Half Penny." 4. Has been drilled for fob piece or something. On face under woman's chin is an oblong space with letters "RF" sunk in. Date 1803 or 1805. Were these used in Louisiana Purchase? these used in Louisiana Furchase; 5. Good condition. Face has crown with lion on shield below letters Cl XV. Reverse has date 1867. 6. Good condition. Face says "Victoria Dei Gratia Regina Canada." Reverse says "5 cents, 1874."

-Mrs. E. M., Indiana Answer:

Your first coin is a Mexican 8 Real coin of Zadatas mint, currently retailing at \$2. The second is a 4 Real taining at \$2. The second is a rule under piece of Guatemala, struck under Charles IV of Spain, retailing at \$2. The third is a Canadian bank token which is quite common, retailing at 25c. The fourth piece is a U. S. \$10 gold piece which is quite valuable if in perfect condition, but having holes materially reduces its value. It is most likely dated 1803. This I think should retail for \$35 in the condition it is in. The small piece is a half skilling of Denmark which retails for 5c. The Canadian 5c piece of 1874 should retail for around \$5.

Question:

them.

I have a gold piece from the time of the Byzantine Empire, 527-565 A. D. Obverse, head of Emperor Justinian. Reverse, Victory holding Cross. What is its worth please?

—N. G., New Hampshire

Answer: The gold solidus of Emperor Justinian in very fine condition currently retails for \$20. There are quite a few around lately, however, and dealers are currently paying \$10 for

-C. F., New York

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Question: I would like some information on a publication we have. The book is "Bankers' Coin Book." It is a guide list showing prices paid for coins. list showing prices paid for coins. We would like to know the year it was published. I will quote a few of the prices: 1796 half cent \$10, 1809 half cent, head to left 20c. 1798 Liberty chain large cent \$3. Sliver 3c piece 1851 5c. 1856 Copper Nickel Flying Eagle \$5. 1867 Nickel with rays, uncirculated 10c. 1794 flowing hair half dime \$1. 1879 trade dollar

-Mrs. L. H. G., Texas

Answer:

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# Old Mechanical Banks

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Referring to last month's article on the Weeden Plantation Savings Bank, it was pointed out that the paper label on the back showed five patents under the date of August 7, 1888. The writer stated that he had been unsuccessful in locating the patent papers and, of course, five patents on one mechanical bank is unique. The situation offer we witer knowing that five patents must exist or the information on the bank is a state of the patent papers are now in the writer's possession. It's no wonder they were difficult to locate since each of the five patents must expect the patent papers are now in the writer's possession. It's no wonder they were difficult to locate since each of the five patents. They are all under the date of August 7, 1888 and taken out by William N. Weeden of New Bedford, Mass, assignor to the Weeden Manufacturing Company of the same place. The patents are as follows:

387,469 Arbor for clocks, watch-

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387,472 Method of making pinions for clocks and watches 387,548 Method of making arbors for clocks and watches

So here's a case where the patent papers on a mechanical bank are in a completely different group and class than those covering toy money boxes, or for that matter anything remotely connected with a mechanical bank. The five patents, of course, actually cover part of the clock-like mechanism of the Plantation Bank, and not the bank itself.

Now please refer to HOBBIES for August 1962, and the article on the Bank of Education & Economy. Here you will note that complete information is given on the bank itself as to the date, April 30, 1895, and the manufacturer, Proctor Raymond Company, Buffalo, N. Y. There is no question about this, however, the actual patent papers had cluded the writer, but he knew they must exist. To make a long story short, an original copy of the patent is now in the writer's possession. Here again this patent was far and away from the group and class of toy savings banks. It is dated, as stated on the bank, April 30, 1895, and the patentee was James S. Barcus of Chicago, Ill. The patent was

# MECHANICAL BANK RAMBLINGS

By F. H. GRIFFITH

issued to cover a "Coin Controlled Apparatus for Advertising and Educational Systems." The patent consists of five sheets, three of which contain eight diagrams of the apparatus that, when actually produced, resulted in a toy savings device, the Bank of Education & Economy.

While we are on the subject of patent papers there are two other mechanical banks previously covered by classification articles whose papers seemed continually to clude the writer. These papers have been found recently by the writer and this situation can now be clarified.

The patent on the Sportsman Banc (HOBIES, June 1952) was issued June 14.18 June 1952, was issued June 14.18 June 1952, was issued June 14.18 June 1952, was issued June 14.18 June 15.18 Ju

The papers covering the English made Football Bank (HOBBIES, December 1956) were issued as a cheek engagester. This department, the paper of the pap

An interesting little bank has recently come into the possession of the writer through the good help of Arnold Johnson of the 1738 House, Petersham, Mass. Since the bank represents a watch we will call it the Watch Bank. It was purchased by Mr. Johnson at a small antique show in the area.

The Watch Bank is made of sheet iron and the finish is nicelar plate. It is a stamping, very took with attractive decoration and working. The hands on the face of the watch are set at 8 minutes past 10. Between the hands appears the wording "Chase Poverty." Under the hands is inscribed "Check Waste Create Thrift." Below this in a circle where the second hand would normally be appears "Copyright Patent Apd." In a diamond shaped section in the middle of this circle appears "C. L. Russell, N.Y." In the center of the back of the watch their is inscribed an inverted horse-the in inscribed an inverted horse-the of the watch their in the collowing wording "Holds 35 Dimes" - "Inst Fill It". "It Will Open" - "Then Re-Lock."

The bank as far as the way it was made, material and finish, is similar to the Pistol Bank, which was also made in cast iron at an earlier date. (HOBBIES article on Pistol Bank, December, 1961). The same principle as the Sank is the same principle as the Sank is the motive (HOBBIES, September, 1960). This places it as a border-line bank in the mechanical to semi-mechanical area. It is not a registering bank as there is no registering mechanisms.

Naturally the writer wanted to find out all he could about the Watch Bank as to the date of manufacture and so on. In his opinion, judging from the bank itself, he placed it in the 1990s.

His initial approach was to operate the bank and this turned out to be a stroke of luck. The coins are inserted in a provided slot by the top wind stem ring. Sure enough after 25 dimes the bank opened automatically, and inside the bank was the original paper label! This reads as follows:

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ent.

The Brooklyn Public Library, and in particular the Business Library, came through with flying colors. They maintain back files of the Brooklyn Telephone Book in microfilm. This disclosed the following: in a 1990-21 Book a listing for Russell, C. L., metal nvits, 199 Cook Street. The book for 1923 has this listing, Russell, Chas. L., Mfr. savings banks, 199 Cook. Continued checking indicates the same listing through 1925. The 1926 book and on no longer lists Mr. Russell.

So there is no question but that the Watch Bank was made during the 1920 to 1925 period and that most likely 1925 was the end of it.

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# Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

# Elephant & Three Clowns on Tub

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A mechanical bank which has the unusual distinction of being covered by the same patent papers as those of two other banks is our choice as No. 114 in the numerical classification. This fine little mechanical bank with its circus theme background is the Elephant And Three Clowns On Tub. It has very clever action and actually the proportion and designing of this bank ranks it as one of the best from those standpoints. As has been mentioned by the writer in certain previous articles, the appeal, and this continues to increase as time goes on. It is not necessary to again list all those that represent his subject matter and sufficient at this time is the fact that the bank under present discussion is one of the most interesting and desirable in the circus group.

The Elephant And Three Clowns has the following patent information inscribed on the base plate: "Eng. Pat. July 28, 1882 — U. S. Pat. Aug. 8, 1882." This is somewhat unusual as a very limited number of the mechanical banks were patented in both the United States of these mechanical banks, including the fact that the custom are all protected by the same patent papers. James H. Bowen of Philadelphia, Pa., was the inventor responsible for this unique situation. The patent papers in this instance were issued to him on the basis of a "Toy Savings Bank" and the accompanying drawings are those of the Frog Bank. In the princet detailed text



of the papers, however, is where four methods of operation, based on a basic principle, are outlined and thoroughly described. This is the basis on which at least three entirely dissimilar appearing mechanical banks are the entirely dissimilar appearing mechanical banks are the Recluing Chinaman (HOBBES, December, 1959). Thus, the Elephant And Three Clowns, Frog Bank, and Recluning Chinaman all share certain similarities in their operating mechanism which is covered by the same patent papers, As further explanation, a short quote from the rather lengthy papers is in order: "The savings bank herein described may be made in the image of living beings of any kind and character or of any other desired shape." Mr. Bowen also specified that use could be made of a "representation of a leg or other limb or part of a living being." This point is well carried through by all three banks made under the patent. They were martactured by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell,

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The shortest ived and rarest of odd denominations were the four-dollar gold pieces or Stellas of 1879 and 1880. Very few of these were struck. They were not designed for circulation, being more of a pattern or constitution of the structure of t experimental coin, but they did get into the hands of collectors and are today very popular. They are valued at several thousand dollars each. The idea was to make a coin that would be acceptable as an international me-dium of exchange. This was never approved.

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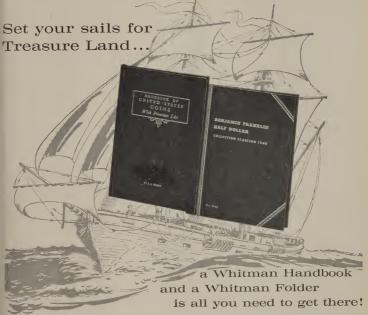
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of payrolls.

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Question:

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Lincoln thin cent will be worth?
Also, I have a copper coin the size of a cent, with the head of Washington on one side and the name George Washington. On the other side is an eagle and three arrows and a branch, probably an olive branch, with the words in Unitate. Fortitudo, with two words in Unitate Fortitudo, with two words on the bottom which look like Spiel Munze. Could you tell me what this is and value?

Also, a World's Columbian Expo-sition, Chicago, 1893 piece, the size of a silver dollar, but it is I believe brass.

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### Answer:

The thin cent has most likely got-ten that way by being subjected to some acid or chemical. This will eat away the metal and make it thin without obliterating the design very much.

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# Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

# Zoo Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

Alphabetically speaking, our choice of the 115th mechanical bank in the numerical classification is most certainly last, but assuredly not least. This is the Zoo Bank, and to the best of the writer's knowledge, the only mechanical bank having a name only mechanical bank aving a name matter of fact, until the first part of the year, only two letters in the alphabet, Q and X, were not represented by names in mechanical banks. Now only X remains since a Queen Victoria Bank turned up a Queen Victoria Bank turned up type bank made in England. When a coin is deposited in the crown a coin is deposited in the rown of the 115th mechanical bank in the a coin is deposited in the crown atop her head the eyes blink. The was made in celebration of bank was made in celebration of the Jubilee of 1887, the 50th reign-ing year of Queen Victoria. As to the letter X, there are some who may feel this is represented by the X-Ray Bank, and this could be ac-cepted in this fashion, except for the cepted in this fashion, except for the fact that the full proper name appears on the bank itself as "The Smyth X-Ray Bank" (HOBBIES, April, 1961).

The Zoo Bank is one of the so

called "little" mechanical banks, and some others in this category are the Afghanistan Bank, Girl In Victorian Chair, and Elephant And Three Clowns On Tub. The Zoo, like the Clowns on 1 up. The Zoo, like the Elephant And Three Clowns, is very nicely proportioned for so small a bank. Also it has excellent action considering its size which is 44%" both in height and width, and 1½" in depth. Further, while other mechanical danks utilize various ammals in their action, this bank has the distinction of being the only one to actually represent a Zoo

No dates or patent information appear on the Zoo Bank, nor does the writer have in his possession any old catalogs or other material that picture or describe the bank. So far the writer has also been unable to the writer has also been unable to locate any patent papers that would possibly apply to the action or me-chanism involved. Using the bank itself as a guidepost we can fairly accurately narrow the possible manufacturers down to two concerns. Wording appears inscribed on the back of the bank as follows: "Zoo Bank." Under this, "Press the Monkey," and below this the number "134" The same method of wording was used on the Uncle Remus Bank in the same fashion, along with the

number "136." Using this along with other characteristics of the Zoo Bank we can reasonably assume that either Kyser & Rex of Philadelphia, Pa., or the Mechanical Novelty Works of New Britain, Conn., made the bank.

Leon Perelman of Merion, Pa., is the collector who owns the pictured bank. It is a nice original specimen bank. It is a nice original specimen with good paint and the colors are as follows: The house and cupola are red and each has a grey rook highlighted with gold. The shutter-type door and the shutters on the two windows are green with gold outlining and striping. The bench outlining and striping. The bench and bucket in front of the house are done in gold as is the pulley-lift arrangement left top of the door. The small patch of ground around the base of the house is done in green with yellow and red highlight-ing. The face of the monkey which appears in the cupola is black and bronze, with small white eyes and black pupils. The face of the bear in the left window is black and silver with a red mouth and same type eyes as the monkey. The lion in the right window is tan with brown, a red mouth and black eyes.

The bank as pictured is shown after the action has taken place. To prepare the bank for operation, using the picture as a guide, one must first manually close each of the two shutters on the windows. This causes the faces of the bear and lion to recede into the bank. At the same time the face of the mon-key moves forward into the window of the cupola. The shutters, due to a spring arrangement inside, snap into place and stay closed. To operate the bank a coin is placed in the provided slot in the roof of the cupola. This rests at a given point partly exposed, it does not fall into the bank. The face of the monkey is then pressed. This causes the lion and bear to move forward into their positions in the windows and the shutters fly open exposing their faces. At the same time the coin drops into the bank automatically. A small key-lock type coin trap is provided in the base for the removal of accumulated coins.

The Zoo Bank is a very nice little item, particularly difficult to find in complete original condition and in good original working order. It is a bank that is securely held together by means of peened over pins in the casting. Since it could not readily be taken apart apparently children were prone to try to pry it open. pull on the shutters, or try to pry the lion or bear out. The mechanism as compared to many of the more sturdy mechanical banks is rather delicate, small in size, and would tend to get out of order with any degree of rough treatment.





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iature Finky, and the Bine Boy, and many other portrait dolls.

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Lewis Sorensen is noted for his wax dolls. Some of Dorothy Heizer's lovely creations in the form of sculp-National Museum in Washington, D. C. And Grace Lathrop is the artist who created Clara Barton in miniature on permanent exhibition at the National Red Cross Museum in our Nation's Capitol.

Halle Blakely, Ellery, Thorpe, Avis Lee, and others not nationally wellknown at this writing are doing beautiful work. Among the latter are Leising Merrill, whose exquisite creations of Bali dancers are the delight of all who are privileged to

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# Notes on Coin Collecting

By CHARLES FRENCH

One of the first big boons to coin collecting came with the discovery of the celebrated 1804 dollar. There is a great deal of discussion regarding its authencity. The earliest 1804 dollar known apparently was struck during the mint revision days of 1836 to 1840.

The dies, apparently, had not been destroyed in 1804, and when found some of the mint employees must have struck off half a dozen or secoins. The fact that they were not struck in 1804 does not make them any less valuable for they are in great demand among advanced col-

From 1858 on up until 1916, the mint issued proof sets specially for coin collectors and charged a small premium for them, By comparison with today's numbers of coins, very few of these were coined. Consequently they all now demand an excellent premium.

For some reason, coin collectors of that day spurned the gold proofs, and coinage of these was extremely small, in many instances under 100 coins for any given year.

It had also been the policy of the mint to strike "trial" or experimint to strike "trial" or experi-mental coins, for the middle of the 19th century saw great interest in proposed revision of our coinage. There appeared such unusual denominations as two, three, and 20-cent pieces, none of which were met with much popularity.

The trial and experimental pieces became very popular, and it is suspected that in the 1860s and "70s, a good many of these were struck purely for the delight of collectors.

This era was filled with students who ardently studied their particular field of numismatics and many books of value were published on varying sections of the subject.

The coins covered mostly were cents, half cents, Colonial coins, half dimes, quarters, halves, and dollars. The popularity of cents explains why so many of the books were upon

There were no "coin boards" such as we have today, nor plastic holders for coins. Collectors had to improvise the manner in which they kept their coins.

The wealthier collectors had wood-

en cabinets built with sliding trays, velvet lined, to hold their coins. Other collectors were content to line cigar boxes with velvet and lay their coins out in these.

Many a pleasant hour was spent going over their coins, pointing out by gas light, on the dining-room taby gas light, on the dining-room ta-ble, their prized pieces to their friends, and trading and exchanging coins with fellow numismatists.

The first coin holder to become The first coin holder to become popular was the small, round cardboard "pill" boxes manufactured in Jamestown, N. Y., by an old-time coin collector. These boxes were sold to hold large cents expressly, for they were just the right size for

Collectors would place cotton in the bottom of the box, place the coin upon it, and write the coin's description on the cover. Occasion-ally in old collections we still find choice old coins kept in these boxes.

I might say that they kept the old copper cents very well, for I have seen great rarities, early large cents in uncirculated red condition kept in these boxes for decades, and when inspected the coins had not deteriorated at all.

At the beginning of the 20th century, there were probably around 10,000 coin collectors. They formed in research, finding great new rarities and new varieties. This continued for the first two decades.

Probably one of the greatest early boons to the hobby was the issue of several million Columbian half dollars during the World's Fair at Chicago in 1892 and 1893. They were the first coin struck in America com-memorating an event and being of-fered to all.

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-B. G., Maryland

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You did not state the metal. Would say if in silver would be worth about

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### Question:

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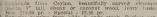
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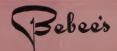
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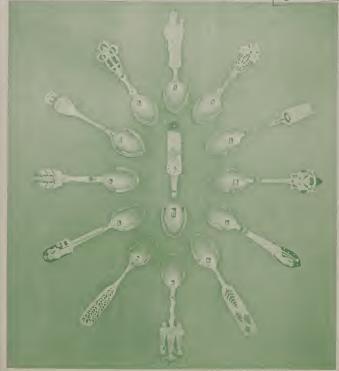
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# Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITII

## MECHANICAL BANK RAMBLINGS

By F. H. GRIFFITH

The Ding Dong Bell is one of the rare desirable mechanical banks and it appeared in article form in the October, 1954, issue of HOBBIES. In this article the writer stated that the back of the bank was the same as the Weeden's Plantation Darky Sawings Bank (HOBBIES, August, 1963). This is true with respect to the winding key, key to unlock the bank, the locking coin door, and so on. However, there is a difference in the wording of the Ding Dong Bell, and this has ome importance and is and this has ome importance and is and this has ome importance and as some difficulty in locating the five patent papers covering the Plantation Bank.

The Ding Dong Bell has the statement "Five U.S. Patents Allowed" on the back paper label. This, or course, protected the bank under the same patents of August 7, 1888, which covered the Plantation Bank. This statement also means that the Ding Dong Bell was made after this date. Other wording on the back of miscance is as follows: "Weeden Manufacturing Company—New Line of Mechanical Savings Banks—Six Styles." This is one of the few cases where mechanical banks, as we use the terminology today, were originally referred to as mechanical banks, as we considered the saving of the saving devices who animated toy savings devices who animated toy savings devices who are saving devices the saving devices as we can include the saving devices the saving devices who are saving devices the saving devices the saving devices who was a such a saving devices the saving devices the saving devices who was a saving devices the s

The mention of "Six Styles" would certainly indicate that Weeden produced six different mechanical banks, all most likely covered by the same five patents which actually protected the clock-work type mechanism. To the best of the writer's knowledge only two types of Weeden mechanical banks are known to exist, and these are the Plantation and Ding these are the Plantation and Ding Landson and the second of the product of th

three other different mechanical banks with a clock-work type mechanism were produced, and the conchanism were produced, and the conther possibility that examples of these may still exist as yet undiscovered by collectors. Rumors for some years have indicated that Weeden made a Grasshopper Bank and a writer does not han, However, the writer does not han, yet off of any kind that would substantiste either of these banks.

While we are on the subject of the Weeden Manufacturing Company, Mrs. Sara Love or the Company, Mrs. Sara Love or the Company, Mrs. Lowe are come up with another interesting sidelight concerning the company. Mrs. Lowe recently obtained a few old, small bottles of 3-In-One Oil. They are attractive triangular shape and green in color. A folder that came with each bottle is imprinted with the name "Weeden Toy Steam Engines", and these small bottles of oil were given as samples bottles of oil were given as samples by Weeden with their various steam.

toys.

Of considerable interest is the recent discovery of a companion bank to the 5c Adding Bank. This is the 10c Adding Bank. This is the 10c Adding Bank and it is pictured herewith through the courtesy of Leon Pereliman in whose collection it may banks, the 5c Adding Bank and it is pictured herewith through the courtey of Leon Pereliman in whose collection it may banks, the 5c Adding has seen considered in the mechanical category for some years now, the same as the Perfection Registering (HOB-BIES, September, 1959) and the Registering Dime Savings Bank (Mechanical Clock). The 10c Adding, like the 6c, has the same automatic front the control of the control

In closing at this time we can add another name to the list of known mechanical banks. This too, as far as the writer knows is a new discovery. The bank is the Music Bank, and it is an unusual looking affair made of sheet metal. It is a decorative item of good construction and very definintely, in the writer's opinion, a commercially produced piece, most painted black with extra fine decoration of birds, flowers, and so on, somewhat similar in appearance to Worcester china. A coin dropped in the provided slot in the top of the bank causes the music to play for a given time and then another coin repeats the action and so on. Further details on the bank, who found it, and other information will be given at the proper time in a subsequent article.





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#### AILEEN STANLEY (Continued from page 36)

voice, and whose personality pervades even the gramophone record to the ex-clusion of all criticism."

Exactly a year later, in April, 1935, Roger Wimbush wrote in The

"There should be a big public to wel-come back Alicen Stanley (the "gramo-phone girl" of early days) in some of her song successes on Decca M461. . This is a clever piece of presentation and is redoient of the singer's person-city."

Unfortunately, Wimbush didn't give the title of this record and I don't have a Decca catalog of that penave a Decca catalog of that period, but it has just occurred to me that I might find it in the Talking Machine and Wireless Trade News, and I did. The title is "Song Successes," which sounds like the same medley she had recorded for Brunswick. Hubert S. Ryan made this comment in the May, 1935, issue:

in the May, 1935, ISSUE:
"This selection of 'song hits' is strung together in a manner which makes a connected story—a novel and rather effective idea. As for the singer, she has quite the best American soubrette manner, and gets away with it all vivaciously enough."

Miss Stanley also made a few His Master's Voice records in 1935. Ry-an's review of "Rags" and "Don't You Ever Fall in Love" in the Au-gust T. M. N. of that year sounds faintly satiric;

"Two more or less artless dettles sung in the most admired transatlantic fashion by Alleen Stanley, a comedienne whose manner and accent leave us in no doubt whatever as to her nationality. 'Rags' will appeal to dog lovers, and the number on the reverse side to those with a wider amorous scope."

In December, 1935, "M.E.C." writing in The Gramophone, said:

"Alleen Stanley, an old friend whose records are rather few and far between sings 'I'm Livin' in a Great Big Way' and 'I'm in Love All Over Again'. Sie still contrives to be quite different from anyone else."

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# **Numismatics**

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## Designs on Coins

By CHARLES FRENCH

Over 700 years before Christ, Ionia and Lydia struck what is thought to be the first real coins. Crude to be the first real coms. Crude lumps of electrum, a natural alloy of gold and silver, were made with an obverse design of a vicious look-

ing lion's head. Crude they were, but nevertheless quite well done, considering the times. The reverse only shows the marks of the punch upon which the coin was

struck.

An Ibex appeared upon the coins of Miletus, an Ionian city. Thereafter the use of animals upon coins seem to have spread until many cities used them.

The animals used were sacred to the respective cities, and helped to identify the coins, for no legends ap-

identify the coins, to he repeated upon them.

Athens, in the sixth century B.C., was the first to adopt two-sided coins was the first to adopt two-sided coins. and identify them with legends. Their earliest, a four-drachma piece, shows the crude head of Athena on the obverse, the Athenian owl on the re-

verse.

Now that a few centuries have passed, we begin to find more varieties of design. Gods begin to appear in various postures.

The famous Syracusian coins were beautiful pieces. Arethusa's head appears with graceful dolphins swimming round. The reverse has a beautifully designed quadriga (four-horse chariot) with additional emhalishments.

Until the time of the Romans the Greek world coins follow these de-

Greek World coins follow these designs with many interesting varieties, the obverse, a Greek god, the reverse an animal or scene of action. Alexander the Great of Macedon, famous conqueror of the ancient world, was the first to break the religious tradition by placing upon his coins his own head covered with a lovel stirt of the property of the control of the cont lion's skin,

Most likely this was done because he considered himself a god. Little did he realize that he had started a practice which would last until the 20th century.

Early Roman Republic coins used gods. But the Imperial series had upon them their emperors.

Reverse designs were many and varied for the Romans liked to commemorate victories, deaths, most anything that appealed to them. Their legends were more detailed, enabling historians more easily to identify

Their coins were smaller, the de-

narius being about the size of our dime, while the coins of the Greek world were large, heavy, and some-what lumpy, being the size of a quarter. There were other denomina-tions, but these were comparable to our "dollar," a standard coin.

our "dollar," a standard coin.
Roman designs were never as artistic as the Greek.
With the fall of the Roman Empire, coinage deteriorated. Coins
stayed small, and became more crudely struck. Designs were simplified,
and art in numismatics fell to its all-time low.

The Christian religious fervor of the 8th, 9th, and 10th centuries caused the first use of religious de-

caused the first use of religious designs, Many coins appear with crosses, eyen full-sized figures of Christ. The Feedal age he ralded in, knights, crests and arms, and soon large coins again began to appear. We find designs changing. Rulers appear, not only their heads, but some in full regallia, on horseback. Reverse designs of coins become very

ornate, with crests and heraldry.

Through all of these centuries, one

Though an of these centries, one looks for the ruler, to identify when the coin was struck.

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#### By CHARLES FRENCH

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Question:

Enclosed is a pencil rubbing of a coin I would like to have you give me the name and value of. The face side of the coin has 2 heads (2 busts—side views) with the fol-lowing letters around the edge (those that I am able to distinguish with a glass): MVSECMARIADEIORA.

The back side of the coin has a large crown over a harp with 1692 divided on each side of the lower part of the crown and just above the harp; there are also a few dis-tinguishable letters on the left rim and they appear to be EGINA.

The coin is about I inch in diameter and I can't tell what the metal is. It could be copper, gold, bronze, is. It could be copper, gold, brolize, or something. As it is not in very good condition I am sure the pencil rubbings will not be much value to you in evaluating this coin. Since, according to the date it is over 200 years old I am rather curious as to what it is and if it has any value.

—N. L. K., Wisconsin

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-C. F., New York

Question:

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—F. L. J., New York

Question:

There is an excellent book on Chinese coins by Eduard Kann but I am not acquainted with any book by

-C. F., New York

We enjoy your articles in HOB-BIES, please tell me if these coins are of any value. Small Canadian 5-cent silver se-ries 1908 No. H, and 1916. Large

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Question:

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